GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MILITANCY IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the People`s Committee for Peace Initiative in Assam (PCPIA) has sought a political resolution of the conflict to prevent any more bloodshed in the State;

(b) if so, whether the PCPIA has proposed any strategy for bringing all militant groups in Assam, including the ULFA to the negotiating table;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): The People`s Committee for Peace Initiative in Assam (PCPIA) had submitted a Memorandum in October, 2006. The demand made in the Memorandum included resumption of the peace process between the Government of India and United Liberation Front of Assom(ULFA), withdrawal of the security forces and release of the jailed ULFA leaders.

(d) The Government is open to talks with any militant groups including ULFA provided they shun violence. The Government has not received any formal proposal from ULFA for direct talks.